Diana Hynek 02/22/2006 Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer

Office of the Chief Information Officer 14th and Constitution Ave. NW.

Room 6625

Washington, DC 20230

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken the following action on your request for the extension of approval of an information collection received on 01/09/2006.

TITLE: Application Form for Membership on a National

Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY FORM NUMBER(S): None

ACTION : APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE

OMB NO.: 0648-0397

EXPIRATION DATE: 02/28/2009

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS(\$,000)
Previous	150	150	0
New	500	500	1
Difference	350	350	1
Program Change		0	0
Adjustment		350	1

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: None

OMB Authorizing Official Title

Donald R. Arbuckle Deputy Administrator, Office of

Information and Regulatory Affairs

## PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's

Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503. 1. Agency/Subagency originating request 2. OMB control number b. [ ] None 3. Type of information collection (*check one*) Type of review requested (check one) Regular submission a. [ b. [ Emergency - Approval requested by \_\_\_\_ a. [ ] New Collection Delegated b. [ ] Revision of a currently approved collection c. [ ] Extension of a currently approved collection 5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? [ ] Yes [ ] No d. [ ] Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. [ ] Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired 6. Requested expiration date f. [ ] Existing collection in use without an OMB control number a. [ ] Three years from approval date b. [ ] Other Specify: For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions 7. Title 8. Agency form number(s) (if applicable) 9. Keywords 10. Abstract 11. Affected public (Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x") 12. Obligation to respond (check one) a. \_\_Individuals or households d. \_\_\_Farms
b. \_\_Business or other for-profite. \_\_\_Federal Government ] Voluntary Business or other for-profite. Federal Government

Not-for-profit institutions f. State, Local or Tribal Government Required to obtain or retain benefits 1 Mandatory 13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden 14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (in thousands of a. Number of respondents b. Total annual responses a. Total annualized capital/startup costs 1. Percentage of these responses b. Total annual costs (O&M) collected electronically c. Total annualized cost requested c. Total annual hours requested d. Current OMB inventory d. Current OMB inventory e. Difference e. Difference f. Explanation of difference f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change 1. Program change 2. Adjustment 2. Adjustment 16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (check all that apply) 15. Purpose of information collection (Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X") a. [ ] Recordkeeping b. [ ] Third party disclosure ] Reporting a. \_\_\_ Application for benefits Program planning or management 1. [ ] On occasion 2. [ ] Weekly Program evaluation f. Research 3. [ ] Monthly General purpose statistics g. Regulatory or compliance 4. [ ] Quarterly 5. [ ] Semi-annually 6. [ ] Annually 7. [ ] Biennially 8. [ ] Other (describe) 18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding 17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods the content of this submission) [ ] Yes [ ] No Phone:

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## 19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

**NOTE:** The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.* 

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
  - (i) Why the information is being collected;
  - (ii) Use of information;
  - (iii) Burden estimate;
  - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
  - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
  - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee Date

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Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)		
Signature	Date	
Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer		
Signature	Date	

# NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Before applying for advisory council membership, please review the Advisory Council Charter provided in your application kit. The Charter outlines the purposes and governs the operation of the council. In applying for council membership, you are agreeing to abide by the terms of the Charter if you are selected as a member or alternate. If you are selected, please also note that the National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP) will conduct a LEXIS/NEXIS check and a departmental bureau check for potential conflict of interest and other issues in your background. Also review the information provided at the end of this form; it contains important guidance with regard to the information you submit on this form and its availability under federal law.

Please note that under federal law, federal government employees are not allowed to sit on the advisory councils in a personal capacity. State employees are allowed to sit on the advisory councils in a personal capacity, but must include a letter of support from their state supervisor.

Please indicate which seat(s) you are applying for, provide your contact information, and respond to the questions below. The National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP) may consider applicants for seats for which they have not applied if the NMSP believes they are qualified for that seat and are willing to serve in it. The application deadline is [date].

Date:			
Seat applying for:	_ Agriculture Bu	usiness/Industry	
Conservation	_ Diving Educa	tion Fishing	
Other Recreational	Research	At-Large	
First Name*:	Middle	Last	
Home Phone:			
Fax:	E-mail:		
Work Phone			

ax:	E-mail:	
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Please thoroughly address each of the following in an attached statement:

- 1. Reasons for interest in serving on the Council, including a statement of guiding philosophy, or views, regarding protection and management of marine or Great Lake resources
- 2. Formal community and professional affiliations and employment
- 3. Length of residence in area affected by the sanctuary
- 4. Previous attendance of council and/or working group meetings
- 5. Particular expertise and experience germane to the goals and uses of the sanctuary, particularly in relation to the seat for which you are applying
- 6. Description of your philosophy of what the role of the council is, and how you will work to best support the sanctuary while on the council
- 7. Description of how much time you have to devote to council activities and how you will coordinate, consult, and inform the members of the constituency you will be representing
- 8. Other qualifications or information relevant to membership on the council

The information obtained through this application process will be used to determine the qualifications of the applicant for membership on the sanctuary advisory council. The NMSP intends affirmatively to disclose the applications only to NMSP staff and other members of the review panel. However, the NMSP may be required to disclose the applications in response to a court order, a Congressional request, or a request from the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). If disclosure is requested under the FOIA, the NMSP will endeavor to protect the privacy of applicants by withholding personal information such as home addresses and telephone numbers. In contrast, statements of philosophy or opinions contained in the application would likely be released. Applying for membership on the Council is voluntary.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this

<sup>\*</sup> Please include full first, middle and last name.

collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to National Marine Sanctuary Program, 1305 East West Highway, N/ORM6, Silver Spring, Maryland 29010.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

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## Office of the Law Revision Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives

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16 USC Sec. 1445a

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TITLE 16 - CONSERVATION

CHAPTER 32 - MARINE SANCTUARIES

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Sec. 1445a. Advisory Councils

-STATUTE-

#### (a) Establishment

The Secretary may establish one or more advisory councils (in this section referred to as an "Advisory Council") to advise and make recommendations to the Secretary regarding the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries. The Advisory Councils shall be exempt from the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

## (b) Membership

Members of the Advisory Councils may be appointed from among -

- (1) persons employed by Federal or State agencies with expertise in management of natural resources;
- (2) members of relevant Regional Fishery Management Councils established under section 1852 of this title; and
- (3) representatives of local user groups, conservation and other public interest organizations, scientific organizations, educational organizations, or others interested in the protection and multiple use management of sanctuary resources.

#### (c) Limits on membership

For sanctuaries designated after November 4, 1992, the membership

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of Advisory Councils shall be limited to no more than 15 members.

(d) Staffing and assistance

The Secretary may make available to an Advisory Council any staff, information, administrative services, or assistance the Secretary determines are reasonably required to enable the Advisory Council to carry out its functions.

- (e) Public participation and procedural matters
  The following guidelines apply with respect to the conduct of business meetings of an Advisory Council:
  - (1) Each meeting shall be open to the public, and interested persons shall be permitted to present oral or written statements on items on the agenda.
  - (2) Emergency meetings may be held at the call of the chairman or presiding officer.
  - (3) Timely notice of each meeting, including the time, place, and agenda of the meeting, shall be published locally and in the Federal Register, except that in the case of a meeting of an Advisory Council established to provide assistance regarding any individual national marine sanctuary the notice is not required to be published in the Federal Register.
  - (4) Minutes of each meeting shall be kept and contain a summary of the attendees and matters discussed.

#### -SOURCE-

(Pub. L. 92-532, title III, Sec. 315, as added Pub. L. 102-587, title II, Sec. 2112, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5046; amended Pub. L. 104-283, Secs. 5, 9(f), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3363, 3368; Pub. L. 106-513, Secs. 16, 19(b)(5), Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2391, 2393.)

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#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, as amended, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

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#### **AMENDMENTS**

2000 - Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-513, Sec. 16, substituted "advise and make recommendations" for "provide assistance".

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 106-513, Sec. 19(b)(5), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 1852 of this title.

1996 - Pub. L. 104-283, Sec. 9(f), made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 102-587, Sec. 2112, which added this section.

Subsec. (e)(3). Pub. L. 104-283, Sec. 5, inserted before period at end ", except that in the case of a meeting of an Advisory Council established to provide assistance regarding any individual national marine sanctuary the notice is not required to be published in the Federal Register".

Office of the Law Revision Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives

#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Highly Migratory Species Scientific Research Permits, Exempted Fishing Permits, and Letters of Authorization

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before October 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Heather Stirratt, National Marine Fisheries, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or (301) 713–2347.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Abstract

The information requested will be used in support of the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) issuing Scientific Research Permits (SRP), Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP), and Letters of Authorization (LOA) regarding highly migratory species (HMS). This information will also enhance and facilitate NMFS' compliance enforcement capabilities regarding HMS scientific research and exempted fishing activities. In addition, the information will assist with future stock assessments.

## II. Method of Collection

Information is submitted on forms or other written format, and may be submitted electronically by e-mail.

## III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0471. Form Number: None. Type of Review: Regular submission. Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations; individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions; State, local, and tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 45.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours for a scientific research plan; 40 minutes for an application for an EFP, display, SRP, chartering permit, or LOA for Highly Migratory Species; 1 hour for an interim report; 30 minutes for an annual fishing report; 15 minutes for an application for an amendment to an EFP; 5 minutes for notification of departure phone calls to NMFS Enforcement; 2 minutes for "no-catch" reports; and 2 minutes for tag applications.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 169.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$68.45.

## **IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 25, 2005.

## Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Application Form for Membership on a National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). **ACTION:** Notice.

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#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Karen M. Brubeck, 206–842–6084 or *Karen.brubeck@noaa.gov*.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Abstract

Section 315 of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1445a) allows the Secretary of Commerce to establish one or more advisory councils to provide advice to the Secretary regarding the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries. The councils are individually chartered for each sanctuary to meet the needs of the sanctuary. Once a council has been chartered, the sanctuary manager starts a process to recruit members for that Council by providing notice to the public and asking interested parties to apply for the available seats.

#### **II. Method of Collection**

An application form and guidelines for a narrative submission must be submitted to the sanctuary manager. Submissions may be made electronically.

## III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0397. Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission. Affected Public: Individuals or

households; business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour. Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 500 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

#### **IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 25, 2005.

#### Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Protocol for Access to Tissue Specimen Samples From the National Marine Mammal Tissue Bank

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or

copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Patricia Lawson, (301) 713–2322 or *Patricia.Lawson@noaa.gov.* 

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Abstract

The National Marine Mammal Tissue Bank (NMMTB) was established in 1992 and provides protocols, techniques, and physical facilities for the long-term storage of tissues from marine mammals. Scientists can request tissues from this repository for retrospective analyses to determine environmental trends of contaminants and other substances of interest. The NMMTB collects, processes, and stores tissues from specific indicator species (e.g., Atlantic bottlenose dolphins, Atlantic white sided dolphins, pilot whales, harbor porpoise), animals from mass strandings, animals that have been obtained incidental to commercial fisheries, animals taken for subsistence purposes, biopsies, and animals from unusual mortality events.

The purpose of this collection of information is to enable NOAA to allow the scientific community the opportunity to request tissue specimen samples from the NMMTB.

#### II. Method of Collection

Electronic and paper applications are acceptable from participants, and methods of submittal include Internet, mail and facsimile transmission of paper forms.

## III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0468. Form Number: None. Type of Review: Regular submission. Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 40.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$33.60.

#### **IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the

burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 25, 2005.

#### Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Sawfish Encounter Survey

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). **ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before October 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Shelley Norton, (727) 824–5312 or shelley.norton@noaa.gov.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is seeking information from permitted commercial reef, reef charter, charter coastal pelagic, shark, and shrimp fishers on the location of historic and current encounters with sawfish within the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean. The NMFS plans to